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**PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Patent Application of: :
Kiyoshi Masaki *et al.* :
Conf. No.: 9898 : Group Art Unit: 2652
Appln. No.: 10/718,119 : Examiner: Brian E. Miller
Filing Date: November 19, 2003 : Attorney Docket No.: 8861-385U1
Title: DISK DRIVE APPARATUS : (P16995-05)

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(A))

Applicants in the above-identified application hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to and including January 18, 2005 (January 15 being a Saturday, January 16 being a Sunday, and January 17 being a holiday), for responding to the Office Action mailed September 15, 2004. A response to the Office Action accompanies this Petition.

A check in the amount of \$120.00 is enclosed herewith.
 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (**Billing No. 208861.0481**) as noted below. A duplicate copy is enclosed.
 Extension fee in the amount of \$_____.00
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